

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace Figures 1-4 of the application with the attached new Figures 1-4.

REMARKS

This is in response to the office action of December 4, 2006.

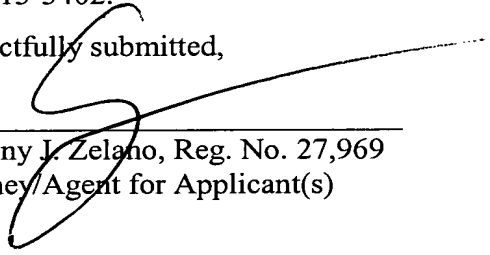
The drawings have been amended as requested by the examiner. Appreciation is expressed for the examiner's careful reading of the specification and drawings.

The claims have also been amended as requested by the examiner.

As for the anticipation allegation, this is untenable. The claims recite that the AC sides of fourth DC/AC converters in the plurality are connected in series. See figures 1, 2, 5 and 7. See also figure 3 with respect to claim 3. This feature is not described in Berth et al. For that matter, neither is it suggested. Thus, the rejection must be withdrawn.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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